

SCOTLAND'S ECONOMICS FESTIVAL

LEITH 19-21 MARCH 2026

A unique, public-facing celebration of progressive economic thinking – designed to challenge, inform, and inspire. The festival brings together leading economists, commentators, campaigners, and curious citizens to explore BIG economic ideas.

Thur 19 MAR. Leith Dockers Club

5 PM -
545 PM

The David Graeber Institute Presents: **The Housing Crisis**. **Professor Steve Keen**. Free to attend. Youtube.

6 PM -
710 PM

The Cowboy Economist: Riding Through the Wild Frontier of Economic Thought. **Professor John T Harvey**.

730 PM -
845 PM

Economic Myth Busters: The Top 10 Myths Holding Back Progress. **Professor Steve Keen, Professor John T Harvey and William Thomson**.

9 PM -
1015 PM

Historical Economic Injustice - How to Break the Cycle. **Dr Ewan Gibbs, Emma Jackson and Neil McInroy**.

Fri 20 MAR. The Out of The Blue Drill Hall

12 PM -
130 PM

The Politics of Austerity: How "Sound Economics" Shapes Our Lives. **Emma Holten, Professor John T Harvey and William Thomson**.

150 PM -
3 PM

The Adam Smith Global Foundation Presents: **Adam Smith, the man, his morals, and some myths**. **Gordon Povey**.

320 PM -
430 PM

In conversation with Russell Jones author of Sho Ga Nai – It Is What It Is: The Modern Economic History of Japan.

450 PM -
6 PM

The BREAK-DOWN and Future Economy Scotland Presents: **Land - Where Ecology and the Economy Collide**. **Adrienne Buller, Laurie Macfarlane and Kathie Pollard**.

620 PM -
730 PM

WEAll Scotland Presents. **Sharing our wealth**: What does the public think about wealth inequality and wealth taxation in Scotland?

745 PM -
855 PM

Fiscal Rules: The Straitjacket of Austerity. **Emma Holten and William Thomson**.

915 PM -
1030 PM

Economists vs Comedians: Who Are The Real Jokers? **Dr Phil Armstrong and Professor John T Harvey**.

Sat 21 MAR. The Out of The Blue Drill Hall

12 PM -
115 PM

The Democracy Collaborative presents: **Owning our future - Community Wealth and Economic Democracy**. **Neil McInroy**.

145 PM -
3 PM

In conversation with Luke Kemp author of Goliath's Curse. The History and Future of Societal Collapse.

330 PM -
445 PM

In conversation with Professor Richard Murphy. A Guide To Developing a Fair & Sustainable Economy.

4 PM -
5 PM

Scottish Left Review Presents: **Platform Power and Edinburgh's Gig Economy**. **Dr Marian Lieutaud, Karen Gregory and Dr Elena Papagiannaki** (Location. Round The World Studios).*

5 PM -
615 PM

The Democracy Collaborative Presents: **Trump's America and the Crisis**: Beyond capitalism to economic democracy. **Kali Akuno, Joe Guinan and Sarah Jaffe**.

510 PM -
610 PM

Balanced Economy Project Presents: **Constraining Corporate Power**. **Claire Godfrey and Daniel Hind**. (Location. Round The World Studios).*

630 PM -
830 PM

MMT UK Presents: **Finding The Money**. Film. Free to attend. (Location. Round The World Studios).*

645 PM -
8 PM

MMT UK Presents: **The Job Guarantee**: Building an Economy That Works for Everyone. **Patricia Pino**.

820 PM -
930 PM

War, Profit, and the Machinery of Capitalism. **Ben Wray** is joined by a panel of today's speakers.

**TICKETS FROM £5.50
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